

East Greenwich School Committee

Tuesday, June 3, 2014

Archie R. Cole Middle School Library

100 Cedar Avenue

East Greenwich, RI 02818

6:30 p.m. Executive Session, Mr. Sommer made a motion to go into executive session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business exempt from open meetings under Rhode Island General Laws §42-46-5(a) (2) (9) Paraprofessional Negotiations, Paraprofessional Grievance. Mrs. Winters seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Those in attendance were Mr. David Green, Chair; Dr. Deidre Gifford, Vice-Chair; Mrs. Mary Ellen Winters; Ms. Carolyn Mark (left the meeting at 7:13 p.m. and returned at 7:30 p.m.); Mr. Jack Sommer; Mr. Clark Smith, and Mrs. Susan Records (arrived at 6:45 p.m.). Dr. Victor Mercurio, Superintendent; Mrs. Maryanne Crawford, Director of Administration; Mr. Bradley Wilson, Director of Student Services; and Attorney Matthew Oliverio were also present.

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

I. Call to Order

Mr. Green called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

III. Public Comments

Ann Marie Jurzak, a Meadowbrook parent, discussed her concerns with the impending staff changes at Meadowbrook. She asked the Committee to reconsider the change. Karen Hill also discussed her concerns with the Meadowbrook staffing change. Joanne Quinn, Director of The Autism Project spoke about their work in conjunction with Meadowbrook staff. She also asked the Committee to reconsider the move. Jean Ann Guliano discussed the program at Meadowbrook and noted it is a model classroom for the state/country. Peter Rogers asked how members are selected for committees. Nicole Bucka discussed the letter she sent to the Committee and The Patch. She spoke about consistency, transitions for students, and how the move will effect long-term planning.

IV. Recognitions

a. The Lindsay Ann Burke Memorial Fund-2014 School Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Poster Contest Winners

- 1. Meredith Liu, East Greenwich HS, First Place Winner**
- 2. Brianna Rowey, Cole, Second Place Winner**
- 3. Sarah Brusini, Cole, Third Place Winner**

The poster contest winners were recognized and congratulated.

b. Retiree recognitions-Richard Saborio

Mr. Giusti read a tribute to Mr. Saborio thanking him for his dedication and service to the district. The Committee thanked Mr. Saborio and presented him with a clock.

c. Commendations

- 1. Tim Crandall, EGHS Athletic Trainer**

2. Teri Garno, EGHS Head Coach, Boys' Volleyball

3. Michael Penza, EGHS Asst. Coach, Boys' Volleyball

Mr. Cobain spoke about the heroic efforts of Mr. Crandell, Mrs. Garno, and Mr. Penza in saving the life of an EGHS student who collapsed during volleyball. Special Avenger watches were presented to all. The Committee recognized and thanked all for their outstanding efforts.

V. Approval of Minutes

a. Strategic Planning Workshop for May 13, 2014

On a motion by Mr. Sommer, which was seconded by Mrs. Winters, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve the minutes. Mr. Smith abstained.

b. Regular and Executive Minutes for May 20, 2014

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Ms. Mark, the Committee voted 6-0 to approve the minutes. Dr. Gifford abstained.

VI. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Mercurio has met with parents and staff and is continuing to review the proposed staffing changes at Meadowbrook. All changes are based on student need and discussion is ongoing. Ivy Day is scheduled for Friday, June 6, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. and graduation is Sunday June 8, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in the Veterans' Auditorium. The Ad Hoc Committee to study all day kindergarten met last Tuesday to review the charge and determine the next steps. The list of committee members is posted on the district website. The next meeting is June 10, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. There are numerous positions

posted on School Spring for internal/external candidates. Interviews will take place in the next few weeks. There are seven individuals interested in participating in the Ad Hoc Committee to study the academic calendar. Representation from the School Committee, faculty, and students is needed. Dr. Mercurio, Mr. Green, and Mrs. Winters met with teachers regarding the leadership position for the visual/performing arts. Staff members will complete a survey to determine their needs.

VII. School Committee Concerns

Mr. Smith asked to abstain from approving the Strategic Planning minutes due to his absence.

VIII. Action Items

a. Retirements

1. John Peters, Paraprofessional, Eldredge

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the retirement.

b. Resignations

1. Tamara Walsh, Sr. Accountant, Central Office

2. Carlos Zambrano, Director of Technology/Systems Analyst, Central Office

3. Sharon Taylor, Administrative Assistant, Central Office

4. Christine Rivers, PE/Health Teacher, EGHS

On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 7-0 to accept the resignations.

c. Field Trip-EGHS Trip to Greece April 17-April 25, 2015

Mr. Revkin provided details of the trip. Ms. Mark asked if there is a

plan for fundraising

to offset costs. On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the trip.

d. Bid approval -Kittredge Equipment Company for Dishwasher-EGHS

This purchase is included in the FY2015 budget. On a motion by Mrs. Winters, which was seconded by Mr. Sommer, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the bid.

X. Sub Committee Update

a. Policy Committee

Dr. Gifford acknowledged Ms. Mark for her extensive efforts in revising the Health and Wellness Policy along with other policies. Ms. Mark is working with stakeholders to align the Health and Wellness policy with state/federal mandates. Ms. Mark will review the policy with Mr. Cobain and the Booster Club in regards to after school sales of food/beverages. The last Policy Committee meeting was May 9th and the next meeting is June 6th. The Health and Wellness Policy will be reviewed again and the Fundraising Policy in regards to field trips will be discussed. Dr. Gifford noted the policy for appointing individuals to ad hoc committees is listed on the district website.

b. Health and Wellness Committee and Mental Health Subcommittee
Mrs. Records also acknowledged the efforts of Ms. Mark and Mrs. Day in undertaking the Health and Wellness Policy and the ongoing work of the Mental Health Subcommittee. On May 22, 2014 Hanaford and Eldredge Schools were awarded a bronze medal in the Healthy U.S.

School Challenge. Pictures and information are posted on the website. Ms. Mark discussed the Mental Health Assessment that is being drafted by the Mental Health Subcommittee. Principals' have been given a draft for review. A presentation will be made to the full School Committee when completed. A subpage for Mental Health with numerous resources has been added to the Health and Wellness page.

XI. Discussion

a. Gate receipts

A spreadsheet was provided showing gate receipts and expenses for the 2013-2014 school year. Mr. Cobain controls the purchases made using gate receipts. None of these items were included in the operating budget. For future budgets, gate receipts and expenses will be listed as an addendum to Mr. Cobain's budget.

b. FY2014 budget update

It is anticipated the operating budget will slightly exceed the budget, but will be overset by a surplus in self-insurance, which will be adjusted in mid-July. Mrs. Crawford noted administration and principals' have done an excellent job maintaining their budgets.

c. Financial Impact Statement-EGEA

The financial impact statement for the certified staff for the contract period of 2013- 2016 was presented and will be posted on the district website. Once the signed contract is available, it will also be posted. Some changes in the contract include an increase in days from 183 to 184 and an increase in co-share.

XII. Adjournment

**On a motion by Mr. Sommer, which was seconded by Mrs. Winters,
the Committee voted 7-0 to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.**

CHRISTINE DIMEGLIO

SECRETARY